



THE SPIRIT WITHIN

AN EXHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHS
BY JERRY BERNDT

November 13 - December 10, 2004

Reception : 2 - 5 p.m. Saturday, November 13

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Exhibition courtesy of the Center for Religion and Civic Culture of the College of Letters, Arts & Sciences at the University of Southern California. This event is part of *Stories of Faith: Religion and Diversity in San Diego*, the Library's five-month series of programs consisting of dance, music, live theater, films, exhibits, lectures and panel discussions with the goal of enabling participants to learn more about each other's beliefs and values. The project is made possible by a Community Speaks grant from the California Council of the Humanities.

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The Spirit Within, an exhibition of twenty-six powerful black and white images by Jerry Berndt, provides an intimate look at the religious practices of first-generation immigrants living in Los Angeles. Berndt, an internationally known documentary photographer, spent several years capturing an unforgettable range of worship, devotion, fervor, and faces. The images on display were selected from a series of one hundred Berndt photographs originally exhibited as part of a project for the Center for Religion and Civic Culture of the University of Southern California.

During his distinguished career, Berndt has created a critically acclaimed body of work, including series addressing alcoholism, homelessness in America, and suffering in Armenia. His images can be found in important museum and institutional collections worldwide, including the Museum of Modern Art (New York), the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston; the Museum of Fine Art, Houston; and the Bibliothèque Nationale (Paris). Berndt currently lives in Paris with his wife and son.

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